

From Blackwood for April  
BALLAD.—By B. SIMONS.

A HEALTH to Thee!—on this the day,  
When like the mock, half-weeping ray  
That draws from April's dawn its birth,  
Thy gentle spirit sole to earth.  
How many a man has rolled above  
Our paths of sorrow, sin and love,  
(Sorrow and sin that shadowed mine,  
While peace and love illumined thine.)  
Since we met and last we parted,  
Estranged, divorced and mournful-hearted,  
Yet though between us rolls the sea,  
And earth spreads wide—a health to Thee!

RED.—A health to thee!—On land or wave—  
In crowds or cloisters—glad or grave—  
In weal or woe, a shape I see.  
That ghost-like wears the grace of Thee,  
Its accents through my slumber thrill,  
Like night-breeze from some lonely hill;  
It lends the morning's cold sky gales  
The azure of thy serious eyes—  
At eve the brown and heavy air  
Is colored by thy clustering hair—  
Even golden noon subdues its glance  
Beneath thy sad, sweet countenance.

A health to Thee!—On Health hast years

No anguish thrills, no pleasure chears,  
No bosom beats, no leaf can fall,  
That does not back the Past recall.

Deep in my soul's profoundest gloom

As in a deep and lonely room.

We look some sad, mysterious thing—  
Thy name from human uttering.

Lured long—though sometimes men

Will speak it suddenly, and then

Will watch this braw, in vain, to see

How deep they smote my memory.

IV.—

A health to Thee!—I chose my fate;

It came regret, it came no fits,

Who had thought, as side by side

Our blighted moments lived and died,

The time would come when, severed far

As its reflection from the star,

You a forest spring should look,

Or tree, or flower, or favorite book,

Nor find Thee when I turned to seek

An answering gladness on thy cheek!

And now thy very Fate to me

Is even a doubt—still, health to Thee!

Third of February, 1842.

### The Springfield Armory.

Correspondence of the Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., April 7, 1842.

MESSES. EDITORS.—In your paper of Tuesday morning last, I noticed the following editorial:

"The Albany Argus rejoices that the 'hard-fisted workmen' in the National Armory at Springfield, have, at the Town Election, vindicated their right to spend in reading newspapers the time for which they are paid, from the public Treasury to work."

As this is calculated to convey erroneous ideas in respect of the last election, as well as to do injustice to our Armories, will you allow a correction. Our town is Whig by a clear 100 majority, and it was only by default that we allowed the Locos to elect their officers last week, for the first time, as they say, since the days of Gerry. We have in town 2000 voters. There were less than 1000 votes cast. The Locos had a majority of about 75. There were Whigs enough within almost a stone's throw of the Town Hall to have turned the scale; but it rained, and they stayed at home.

The Armory question had nothing to do with it. The Whigs are, as they ever have been, the true friends of the Armories, and they know it. This you may know when I tell you that the present obnoxious arrangement originated with a Loco-Foco set of Ordnance Officers, and the present grievances were fastened upon our Armories by those officers, with the assistance of a Loco-Foco Master Armorer and Loco-Foco Inspectors in this place.

The history of the *iniquitous* proceedings of the Ordnance Board, or of the Committee detailed by them to examine and report upon the Police and arrangements of our Armory, would take more time than I and more space than you can spare. The present unpopular and unjust arrangement has been undertaken solely in order to give more power to the Ordnance Department, to give some fat offices to sundry favorite, houghty and overbearing puppies and bull-dogs belonging to said Department, to increase the salaries of Loco-Foco under-officers, and to diminish the wages of honest "hard-fisted workmen," which last you know is true Loco-Foco policy.

For a true statement of the facts, if you feel any interest, I would refer you to a history of the whole now being published in the Alexandria (D. C.) Index, and republished in our local papers. Also to a letter in the Boston Atlas from their Washington correspondent last week, and to Springfield newspapers generally.

The Loco-Foco, you know, have always been (and are now in their hearts) opposed, tooth and nail, to the Tariff; but now, when they find public opinion is so strong in its favor, that they cannot live longer and oppose it openly, they will, without, throw themselves into the front ranks of Protection, and bawl themselves hoarse with protestations of zeal and patriotism, cursing the Whigs, the old and only true, stanch friends of American Industry, for their dilatoriness and want of radical fire and fury on the subject. So it is with our Armory: Loco-Foco trickery has placed matters in their present position. But now that they find honest men cannot submit to them, they wheel about and denounce the whole as a Whig measure. Truly Satan tries hard to hide his hoof in a decent shoe, and to brush out his *cloven tracks* with his tail.

Yours, &c., BREWSTER.

P.S. At a town meeting preceding the one above alluded to, we cast a majority of Whig votes for County Treasurer, who was elected. B.

From another correspondent we have received the following letter with relation to the same thing. As it shows more in detail the causes of complaint in the management of the Armory, we give it in insertion:

SPRINGFIELD, April 27.  
—The subscribers make no claim to waste in any manner the time of the Government; and the newspaper question, as it was one of their first, is also one of their lightest grievances. Let me give you the facts on this point. A part of the workshops of the National Armory are situated a mile from the Post Office, and a part of them a mile and a half. In these shops are employed some two hundred and fifty workmen of great intelligence, and like all New-England mechanics, reading men, who are as constant in the receipt of newspapers, periodicals and letters as any portion of our citizens. It was the practice, some year since, for the Government to employ a penny postman to bring from the Post Office, and distribute all documents for the officers and men in the establishment, and as a very great majority of the workmen worked by the piece, they were in the habit of reading in the shop letters and papers, when engaged by the day, even indulged in this practice, or that the Government ever paid a dollar for work not performed by the "piece men," when engaged in reading. That the Government should have deemed reading in the shops improper and have forbidden it, is hardly deemed a grievance by the workmen in comparison with other grievances attached to it. Since the present experiment of a military superintendency was started, not only has reading been forbidden, but the penny postman has been forced to bring to the workmen any thing that is now sent to the Post Office, and the benefits of his labor are now confined to the officers alone; and, as by a still more unreasonable regulation under the new system, the men are required to be in the shops ten hours per day, whether they work by the piece

or the day, it is made almost impossible for the armories to get their documents from the Post Office at all, unless they choose to make a journey of two or three miles, in the evening, after ten hours work and out of the only time they have to devote to their families. These are the facts, I believe, of the "newspaper question." If the Government gains any thing by the new arrangement, it has never yet been made to appear; that the arrangement is oppressive, so far as the workmen are concerned, is too palpable to admit of denial.

The above is but an instance of the regulations under the experiment of a military superintendency, and I might fill a page of your paper with the details of them, with instances of *individual* discipline, still more unreasonable and unjust. The whole question of which these would be the integral parts, is simply between a Civil or Military Superintendency of the Armory. You are well able to judge, as any one, whether from the recent operations of the Ordnance Department, the Government has likely to get *cheaper* or *better* materials than have formerly been made at the Armories, if they are placed under the immediate and direct control of that department; or whether a superintendent, whose education, habits and ideas of discipline are entirely military, as must be those of an ordnance officer, will be likely very soon fully to control an establishment, the members of which are intelligent, moral and high-minded citizens. The armories ask only a system of discipline, which does not betray an utter want of confidence in their honesty and honor, on the part of their officers; and personal treatment which shall be civil and kind. It might easily be shown that they have had neither of these during the past year, and that they, probably, will not find them until the President obeys the existing law, and appoints a civil Superintendent.

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